

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~granular~~ jelly drink capable of masking bitter for facilitating taking a medicine and/or a dietary supplement including bitterness, said drink comprising aggregated jelly granules, wherein the granular-jellylike jelly drink beverage comprises ~~comprising~~: 0.1 to 15.0% of a bitterness-masking component including at least one of a vegetable fat, and vegetable oil, ~~and/or an~~ animal fat, and animal oil, 5 to 20% of a bitterness-masking supplemental component including sugar alcohol, 0.1 to 5.0% of at least one of gelatinizing components selected from the group consisting of agar, carrageenan, gellan gum, furcellaran, gelatin, curdlan, psyllium seed gum, locust bean gum, xanthan gum, guar gum, pectin, arginic acid, arginic acid salt, mannan, and tamarind gum, and water as remains.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1, wherein the drink beverage further comprises 0.01 to 1.5% of at least one of hydrofuge inhibition components selected from the group consisting of sucrose fatty acid ester, glycerine fatty acid ester, sorbitan fatty acid ester, propylene glycol, and propylene glycol fatty acid ester.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the drink beverage has a pH of 5 to 8.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the jelly strength of a ~~granular jelly~~ said drink indicates 10 to 100 g/cm² at 20 degrees C.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the maximum length of the ~~granular jelly~~ granules measures 1 to 10 mm.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, which is used to take a medicine and/or a dietary supplement including bitterness wherein the ~~dosage form of the~~ medicine and/or the dietary supplement including bitterness is in a dosage form selected from is one of uncoated tablets, powders, fine granules, granules, and syrups or the combination of two or more of these.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, which is used to take a medicine including

bitterness, wherein the medicine includes a basic material having a nitrogen atom within a molecule.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, which is used to take a medicine including bitterness, wherein the medicine is at least one of medicines selected from the group consisting of steroid, alkaloid, antibiotic, antibacterial agent, agents affecting the central nervous system, narcotic drugs, and Chinese herbal medicine.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 8, wherein the antibiotic is macrolide antibiotic and/or cephem antibiotic.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~,

wherein the vegetable fat and/or oil of the bitterness-masking component is at least one selected from group consisting of cacao fat, ~~and~~ cacao oil, lecithin, soybean oil, salad oil, edible safflower oil, sunflower seed oil, rapeseed oil, corn oil, rice oil, peanut oil, olive oil, sesame oil, linseed oil, coconut oil, palm oil, cocoanut oil, blended oil, margarine, and shortening[:]); and

wherein the animal fat and/or oil thereof is at least one selected from the group consisting of lard, salt-free butter, butter, cheese, cream, meat fat, and fish oil.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A granular~~ The jelly drink ~~capable of masking bitter~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~, wherein the sugar alcohol of the bitterness-masking supplemental component is at least one selected from the group consisting of reduced maltose starch syrup, reduced starch syrup, reduced lactose, xylitol, erythritol, sorbitol, and mannitol.

12. (New) The jelly drink according to claim 1, wherein said jelly drink is packaged without said medicine and/or dietary supplement such that it is adapted to be mixed by an end user with said medicine and/or dietary supplement.